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Milan, Decemb. 8.

OUr Governor continues to make vigorous preparations for the defence of this Country, in case the War be brought into it, he has given out Commissions for the raising two Regiments of Foot, and four Troops of Horse, has reinforced the Garison of *Final*, and for its greater security, is going to build a Fort near it. The Government of *Genoua* has reinforced the Government of *Savona* with 300 men.

Naples, Decemb. 8. The last week arrived here an Extraordinary Courier from *Spain*, which brought Letters to our Viceroy, in which he receives the Kings commands to pay all respect to the Pope, and not to engage himself in the difference depending between that Court and the Spanish Ambassador at *Rome*, which the King has commanded him by all means to compose. The advices we have from *Sicily* assure us that the French Troops are at present reduced through sickness to a very small number, and that the Duke *de Vivonne* had desired leave to return home.

Vienna, Decemb. 19. Every Post brings us worse and worse news from *Hungary*, the Rebels encreasing daily in number, and encouraging themselves with an expectation of being assisted by the Turks, notwithstanding the assurances they continue to give this Court to the contrary. From *Germany* we have an account, that all our Troops are gone into their Winter-quarters, and that the Duke of *Lorrain* intended to be here before the end of this month.

Copenhagen, Decemb. 21. Monsieur *Olevecrana*, one of the Ambassadors of the Crown of *Sweden* for the Treaty at *Nimeguen*, having been with the King his Master to receive his Orders concerning several matters relating to the present Negotiation there, is now returning to *Nimeguen*, and our King has accorded him a Pass to go by water from *Malmoe* to *Lubeck*. The Swedes in *Schonen* are in their Winter-quarters, and, as we understand, make great preparations for the next Campagne.

From the Camp before Stetin, *Decemb.* 21. The 18 instant at night his Electoral Highness caused a great Mine, in which was 30 Barrels of Powder, to be sprung; it did not do all the execution that was expected, the greatest part of the Earth falling backward; yet it made a small breach in the Town Wall. We found that the Besieged had made several Retrenchments within, and had raised a Battery just against the place where the breach was made; we are preparing another Mine, to make the said breach larger, in order to an Assault. By the deserters that come out of the Town, we have an account, that of the Garison, there remained not 400 men that can do service, and that of them the Burghers have a very great distrust (they having several times declared that it was time to think of a surrender) which is the reason they have not made any Sallies of late. It is computed that it hath cost his Electoral Highness since this Siege, only in Powder, Cannon, and great and small Shot, 6000 Crowns every day and night. We are told that the Besieged begun to want Powder, which, as well as other considerations, will, it's believed, at length oblige them to a Capitulation. Six Regiments, part Imperialists, and part *Brandenburg* Troops, are arrived in the Country of *March*, on their way hither to reinforce our Army.

Ditto, Decemb. 24. At length we can tell you, that the Burghers of *Stetin* despairing of Relief, and finding that they must inevitably be lost at last, have Capitulated. The 22 instant in the afternoon, a Letter was brought out to Major-General *Enden*, signed by the Magistrates, and some of the principal of the Burghers; in which they acquaint him, that they did now lay hold of the promise he had often made them, to obtain an honourable Capitulation for them, when things should come so far; with which he having acquainted the Elector, it was resolved to close with their demands, and the said Major-General *Enden* returned for answer the next day, that though it was somewhat late, he would use his endeavors to procure them good and advantageous Terms, and in order thereunto, desired them to send out Hostages. This morning the Hostages have been accordingly exchanged; on the part of the City are Major-General *Printin*, Colonel *Ishieris*, and a chief Commissary. On our side are Major-General *Lendorff*, Colonel *Luke*, and another Officer; but now at the parting of these Letters, all the news in the Camp is, that the Capitulation is signed.

Hamburg, Decemb. 24. All the news here is, that the Siege of *Stetin* draws towards an end; the Besiegers are advanced to the Stone Wall, and the Burghers being very jealous that the Garison will not stand by them. This afternoon is come hither a considerable Officer from the *Brandenburg* Camp, he tells us, that the Besiegers had made two breaches in the Town Wall, and had raised a Battery there; that on the other side the Besieged had made several Retrenchments within, and seem resolved to defend them, and that a great many men were killed on both sides.

Ditto, Dec. 28. This City is full of the news which our Letters from the *Brandenburg* Camp before *Stetin*, from *Berlin*, and other places bring us, that *Stetin* has Capitulated, and that the Capitulation was signed the 24th. All the particulars they tell us of it is, that it is very advantageous for the Stetiners, his Electoral Highness not only having confirmed to them all the Privilledges granted them by the King of *Sweden*, but had likewise added several new ones to them; and there is one Letter which says, that the place was actually surrendred, and a *Brandenburg* Garison entered into it.

Francfort, Decemb. 22. The French seem to threaten the Electors of *Mentz* and *Trier*, who are putting themselves into a posture of defence. The Duke of *Lorrain* continues at *Worms*, whither he was brought in a Litter from *Philipsburg*; so soon as he is in a condition he will begin his journy for *Vienna*. The Elector of *Bavaria* continues by his Deputies at *Ruisbanne*, to press the Dyet that they will take such resolutions as may advance the Peace. Our Advices from above say, that the Hungarians occasion great inquietude at the Court at *Vienna*, that they are going to choose them a King, and give

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